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Minneapolis' Mixed Blood Theatre's production Theory of Mind performed at U of M Crookston on Tues., Oct. 26, 2010; Performance begins at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium

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Minneapolis' Mixed Blood Theatre's production of Theory of Mind will be performed at the University of Minnesota Crookston Kiehle Auditorium on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, from 7 to 8 p.m. This sensitive yet unsentimental story presents a portrait of a young man with Asperger's Syndrome.



Bill is a college-bound seventeen year-old, equipped with scholastic brilliance but low emotional intelligence; a keen self-awareness yet, an inability to read social cues, and a charming directness yet prone to taking everything he hears literally. His outing with a young woman becomes a memorable, insightful look at the tugs, shifts, and about-faces found on the autism spectrum.

Theory of Mind is written by Ken LaZebnik, a veteran Mixed Blood company member whose other writing credits include Touched by an Angel and the Mixed Blood-produced plays Calvinisms, League of Nations and Vestibular Sense. His yet untitled play about the online autism community is planned to debut in Mixed Blood's 2011-2012 season.

First toured by Mixed Blood in 2009, Theory of Mind again features Skyler Nowinski as Bill in a cast that also includes Brittany Bradford and Warren C. Bowles. The production is again staged by Mixed Blood Artistic Director Jack Reuler.

The show is one of five culturally-specific productions toured this season by Mixed Blood, a professional, multi-racial theatre company based in Minneapolis that promotes cultural pluralism and individual equality through artistic excellence. The other touring productions include the Chicano cultural history Minnekanos; the Martin Luther King biography Dr. King's Dream; Daughters of Africa, a music-driven history of African American women; and African America, a look at the modern African diaspora in Minnesota.

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